(a) An amount of JRs. 555.17 lakhs Was released for Assam during the Ninth Five Year Plan period to:

(i) Zilla Saksharta Samitis, which are registered societies under the chairmanship of the District Collector, for implementation of the literacy and post literacy programmes.

(ii) State Literacy Mission Authority.

(b) The utilization of funds is known after the submission of audited statement of accounts.

(c) A statement showing the details of funds released year-wise during Ninth Five Year Plan is enclosed. *(See* below).

(d) Does not arise.

**Statement**

*Funds to Assam for Literacy Mission*

Rs. in lakhs

| s. No. | Name of scheme/ organisation | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total/Post Literacy | 33.00 | 157.00 | 227.85 | | | |
| 2. | Campaigns (to ZSS) | | | | 94.63 | 22.69 | 535.17 |
| | State Literacy Mission Authority | | | | 10.00 | 10.00 | 20.00 |
| | Total | 33.00 | 157.00 | 227.85 | 104.63 | 32.69 | 555.17 |

**Brain-drain from India**

992. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

**(a)** whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Brain-drain can be harnessed, not controlled", appearing in the Hindu (Business Line) of 12th January, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any systematic study to identify the reasons for brain-drain the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to harness, control and prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Some Indian Scientists, Engineers do migrate to other countries for higher studies/work abroad. In order to attract such personnel back to the country, the Government have taken various steps which include increase in Science and Technology outlays, creation of new Scientific Departments/Organisations, delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers to Science & Technology Institutions, temporary placement of Scientists and Technologists under the Scientists Pool, etc.

**UGC assistance for. Multi-Campus Eastablishment**

993. SHRI P. N. SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has given any assistance to any University during 2000-2001 and the current year for any multi-campus establishment; and

(b) whether the University Grants Commission has agreed in principle to finance setting up of more than one campus in any University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) University Grants Commission (UGC) has no scheme for setting up of multi-campus in any University.

(b) Does not arise.